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A collection of books for every day use in every school room is without doubt a much needed provision for the instruction of our boys and girls. It goes without saying that every teacher in the State of Illinois is a lover of books and a friend of the library, and just here it is scarcely necessary for me to amplify upon the importance of books and reading. We all know how vastly important it is that our boys and girls be taught to read good books and read them intelligently. It is with much pleasure that I notice an increasing interest in the subject of school libraries, especially in our rural school districts. In many sections the great difficulty seems to be in knowing what books to select for small libraries in town and country schools. The following list that I submit is not perfect, but I feel that it will, at least, aid teachers and school boards who come to us for information in this line. Many of these books I have examined personally.

One of the main difficulties with which we meet in library work, especially in district schools, is the loose manner in which books are used. Very frequently there is no librarian appointed, hence the books are in the care of no custodian and, consequently, many of them are lost, being left at home, and never find their way back to the shelves of the library. Thus the library is soon shorn of its volumes.

There is but one way to remedy this difficulty. Have a good librarian. The teacher would seem the most suitable, being present during the whole of the school year and having of course a broader knowledge of what pupils should read. Each book should be labeled, the label being placed inside the front cover; on this label place the name and number of the school district and the number of the volume.

I would suggest, also, that the following, which I quote from a little pamphlet issued by the National Library Association, be used as rules appropriate for the proper management of a district school library:

Rule 1. Only pupils or patrons of district are entitled to the use of books.

Rule 2. No person shall be allowed to take from the library more than one volume at the same time.

Rule 3. Books (except "Works of Reference") may be retained two weeks, and, at the discretion of the librarian, may be once renewed for the same period.

Rule 4. A fine of (..) cents a day shall be paid on each book which is not returned according to the provisions of the preceding rules, and no other book will be delivered to the party incurring any fine until it is paid.

Rule 5. Any person who shall lose a book, or injure it beyond ordinary usage, will replace or pay for same.

The board of directors should furnish a suitable case for the books. I would suggest a plain, strong case, provided with lock and key.

The books suggested by the directors of the Illinois Pupils' Reading Circle should be placed in every school library. I find that parents as well as young people delight in the perusal of these books.

This department extends a hearty invitation to teachers and members of school boards to write us, or visit us personally, when seeking suggestions for the formation of school libraries.

The library must be clean, bright, attractive and readable. "Good books are powerful to arouse the aspirations and mould the character." Encourage pupils as far as possible to read entire works, not merely extracts of poems or prose selections.

It would be well, if funds permit, to purchase good periodicals and keep them on an appropriate reading table for the use of the pupils.

It is the testimony of educators in many of our states that more good accrues from the district libraries throughout our country schools, when we rate the actual cost, than from any other source of expenditure for educational advantage.

It may be asked, How may we secure these libraries?

First. Under the school law the directors of the district have a right to expend for libraries any surplus money that is left after all other expenditures have been paid. Should there be no such surplus we venture the following suggestions:

First. Solicit suitable books from the patrons of the district, thus encouraging them to assist in this good work.

Second. Give an entertainment now and then, charging a small admission fee. This will encourage an added interest in the school on the part of the patrons, and prove a good source of revenue. Be careful, however, not to expend too much of the time and energy of the pupils in preparing for these entertainments, and yet they should be in good taste and worthy of the object in view.

I have noticed in my travels in the State a method of securing libraries which I might mention here: Each district pays into a common fund five dollars, ten dollars, fifteen dollars, twenty dollars, etc., as it can afford the means. The books are purchased and kept by the county superintendent at a certain place in the district. Then each district, according to what it has paid into the common fund, five dollars, ten dollars, etc., purchases from the general librarian a

library for its school. Having read this collection, it may be returned and another secured, rated at the same price. Thus the school of the district may be enabled to read hundreds of volumes for a very small expenditure.

This traveling library system has proved highly satisfactory.

Very respectfully,

SAM'L M. INGLIS,
Superintendent Public Instruction.

PRIMARY GRADE.

GEOGRAPHY.

Seven Little Sisters on a Round Ball, and Seven Little Sisters: Each and All.....	Jane Andrews.....
Little Folks of Other Lands.....	Chaplain and Humphrey.....
Child Marian Abroad.....	W. M. F. Round.....

SCIENCE AND NATURAL HISTORY.

Little Talks About Plants.....	Mrs. F. A. Deane.....
Little Flower People.....	Mrs. Horace Mann.....
The Story Mother Nature Told Her Children.....	Jane Andrews.....
Under Foot.....	Miss Laura D. Nichols.....
Up Hill and Down Dale.....	Miss Laura D. Nichols.....

FOLK LORE AND FAIRY TALES.

The Little Lame Prince and Adventures of a Brownie.....	Miss Muloch.....
Fairy Stories and Fables.....	James Baldwin.....
Davy and the Goblin.....	Charles E. Carryl.....
Book of Fables.....	H. E. Scudder.....
Book of Folk Stories.....	H. E. Scudder.....
The Kingdom of Coins.....	J. B. Gilman.....

STORIES.

Old Greek Stories.....	James Baldwin.....
Letters From a Cat.....	Helen H. Jackson.....
The Story of Daniel Webster.....	James Baldwin.....
The Story of Benjamin Franklin.....	James Baldwin.....
Play Days.....	Sarah Orne Jewett.....
Those Dreadful Mouse Boys.....	Ariel.....
Trotty's Wedding Tour.....	Elizabeth Stuart Phelps.....
Robinson Crusoe for Boys and Girls.....	McMurry and Husted.....
Fifty Famous Stories Retold.....	James Baldwin.....
Classic Stories for the Little Ones.....	Mrs. Lida B. McMurry.....
Stories of Great Americans for Little Americans.....	Edward Eggleston.....

POETRY.

Natural History Plays.....	Louisa P. Hopkins.....
Young Folks' Book of Poetry.....	L. J. Campbell.....
Old Time Stories Retold by Children.....	E. Louise Smythe.....

SUPPLEMENTARY READERS.

Sea-Side and Way-Side—No. 1	Mrs. J. M. Wright.....
Friends in Fur and Feathers.....	James Johonnet.....
Book of Cats and Dogs.....	James Johonnet.....
Stories for Young Children.....	Elizabeth A. Turner.....

INTERMEDIATE GRADE.

HISTORY.

(United States, British and General.)

UNITED STATES.

Revolutionary Pioneers for the Young People.....	A Colonist.....
A First Book of American History.....	Edward Eggleston.....
Pilgrims and Puritans.....	Nina Moore.....
Noble Deeds of Our Fathers.....	H. C. Watson.....
Pioneer History Stories of the Mississippi Valley.....	Charles McMurry.....
Grandfather's Chair.....	Nathaniel Hawthorne.....

BRITISH.

The Lancers of Lynwood.....	Charlotte M. Yonge.....
Children of Westminster Abbey.....	Rose Kingsley.....
The Boy's King Arthur.....	Sidney Lanier.....

GENERAL.

The Tale of Troy.....	A. Stewart.....
Strange Stories From History.....	G. C. Eggleston.....
Ten Boys Who Lived on the Road From Long Ago to Now.....	Jane Andrews.....

SCIENCE AND NATURAL HISTORY.

How to Keep Well.....	A. F. Blaisdell.....
Over Head.....	Laura D. Nichols.....
Real Fairy Folks.....	Lucy J. Rider.....
Young Folks' Ideas.....	Uncle Lawrence.....
My Land and Water Friends.....	Mary E. Bamford.....
Birds and Bees.....	John Burroughs.....
Plants and Their Children.....	Mrs. William Starr Dana.....

TRAVEL AND GEOGRAPHY.

Madam How and Lady Why.....	Charles Kingsley.....
Child Life in Many Lands.....	J. D. Strong.....
A Ramble Round France.....	J. Chesney.....
The Children of the Cold.....	F. Schwatka.....

LITERATURE.

Arabian Nights.....	E. E. Hale.....
Stories from Old English Poetry.....	Abby S. Richardson.....
Old Stories of the East.....	James Baldwin.....
The Heroes.....	Charles Kingsley.....
Tales of Troy for Boys and Girls.....	Charles De Garmo.....
The Wonder Book, Tanglewood Tales.....	Nathaniel Hawthorne.....
Tales of Ancient Greece.....	G. W. Cox.....

POETRY.

Child Life	J. G. Whittier.....
Children's Treasury of English Songs.....	F. T. Palgrave

FICTION.

(Historical, Fairy Stories and General.)

Knightly Legends of Wales.....	Sidney Lanier
Three Greek Children.....	A. J. Church
King of the Golden River	John Ruskin
Mopsa, The Fairy.....	Jean Ingelow
Wonder Stories	Hans Christian Anderson.....
Pussy Willow	Harriet B. Stowe
Sarah Crewe	Mrs. Burnett.....
My Girls.....	Louise M. Alcott.....
Little Lord Fauntleroy.....	Mrs. Burnett.....
Five Little Peppers.....	Margaret Sidney.....
Stories Told to a Child (2 vols.).....	Jean Ingelow.....
Magazines—St. Nicholas and Wide Awake.....	
Life and Adventures of Robinson Crusoe—Edited by Kate Stephens	Daniel Defoe.....

ADVANCED GRADES.

HISTORY.

(United States, British and General.)

Old Times in the Colonies	C. C. Coffin.....
A Nation in a Nutshell	G. M. Towle
Young Folks' Book of American Explorers.....	T. W. Higginson.....
The War of Independence.....	John Fiske.....
Building the Nation	C. C. Coffin.....
History of the United States Navy.....	Benson J. Lossing.....
Stories of the War	Edited by E. E. Hale
Jed.....	W. L. Goss
Tales of a Grandfather.....	Sir Walter Scott.....
Stories of the Sea.....	Edited by E. E. Hale
Roman Life in the Days of Cicero.....	Alfred J. Church

SCIENCE AND NATURAL HISTORY.

First Steps in Scientific Knowledge.....	Paul Bert.....
The Earth in Past Ages	Sophie B. Herrick.....
Sun, Moon and Stars	Agnes Gibberne.....
Birds and Poets.....	John Burroughs
Locusts and Wild Honey.....	John Burroughs

TRAVEL AND GEOGRAPHY.

Life at Puget Sound.....	Caroline Leighton.....
Bits of Travel at Home.....	"H. H."
Palmetto Leaves	H. B. Stowe
Boys of Other Countries	Bayard Taylor
The Knock About Club in the Tropics	C. A. Stephens.....
Three Vassar Girls in South America.....	Lizzie W. Champney.....
How They Went to Europe	Margaret Sidney.....
Pictures of Travel	Hans Christian Anderson.....
Fireside Travels	J. R. Lowell.....
Italian Journeys	W. D. Howells

LITERATURE AND MYTHOLOGY.

Tales of a Wayside Inn.....	H. W. Longfellow
Hiawatha	H. W. Longfellow
Tales from Shakespeare	Charles and Mary Lamb
About Old Story Tellers.....	Donald G. Mitchell
Marjorie Daw and Other Stories	T. B. Aldrich.....
My Summer in a Garden	C. D. Warner.....
New England Legends and Folk Lore	S. A. Drake.....
Christmas Stories.....	Charles Dickens
Stories from Homer	A. J. Church
Stories from Greek Tragedians.....	A. J. Church
Norse Stories.....	H. W. Mabie.....

FICTION.

The Spy	J. F. Cooper.....
Last of the Mohicans	J. F. Cooper.....
The Pilot	J. F. Cooper.....
The Talisman.....	Sir Walter Scott.....
Rob Roy	Sir Walter Scott.....
Ivanhoe.....	Sir Walter Scott.....
Kenilworth	Sir Walter Scott.....
Crofton Boys.....	Harriet Martineau.....
Prince and Page	Harriet Martineau.....
The Peasant and Prince.....	Harriet Martineau.....
Little Women	Louise M. Alcott.....
Little Men.....	Louise M. Alcott.....
An Old Fashioned Girl.....	Louise M. Alcott.....
Joe's Boys.....	Louise M. Alcott.....
Uncle Rutherford's Attic.....	Joanna H. Matthews
Tom Brown at Oxford.....	Thomas Hughes.....
Tom Brown at Rugby	Thomas Hughes.....
Standish of Standish.....	Jane G. Austin.....
Uncle Tom's Cabin	H. B. Stowe
Chivalric Days.....	E. S. Brooks

HIGH SCHOOL.

HISTORY.

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LaSalle and the Discovery of the Great West	Francis Parkman.....
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Colonial America.....	Charles Morris.....
Studies in History	H. C. Lodge.....
A Birds' Eye View of the Civil War.....	T. A. Dodge.....
Political Essays.....	James R. Lowell.....
Oceana.....	J. A. Froude.....
Old English History.....	A. E. Freeman.....
A Short History of Our Own Times.....	Justin McCarthy
Rise of the Dutch Republic	J. L. Motley.....
The French Revolution.....	Thomas Carlyle.....
A Short History of the Roman People	W. F. Allen.....
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A Century of Electricity	T. C. Mendenhall
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Bird Ways.....	Charles C. Abbott.....
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The Wonders of Science.....	Henry Mayhew

TRAVEL AND GEOGRAPHY.

The New Eldorado (Alaska)	M. M. Ballou
On Horseback (from North Carolina to California)	C. D. Warner
My Winter on the Nile	C. D. Warner
The Storied Sea	Susan E. Wallace
The Maine Woods	H. D. Thoreau
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Views Afoot	Bayard Taylor
Reindeer, Dogs and Snow-Shoes	R. J. Bush

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The Autocrat of the Breakfast Table	O. W. Holmes
The Poet at the Breakfast Table	O. W. Holmes
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Sesame and Lilies	John Ruskin
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The Iliad of the East	F. Richardson
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HISTORICAL FICTION.

Last Days of Pompeii	Bulwer Lytton
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Quentin Durward	Walter Scott
Hypatia	Charles Kingsley

BIOGRAPHY.

Home Life of Great Authors	Hattie T. Griswold
Schools and School Masters	Hugh Miller
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Daniel Webster	Henry C. Lodge
Alexander Hamilton	Henry C. Lodge
Alexander	Henry C. Lodge
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Life of Columbus	Washington Irving
Life of Washington	Washington Irving
Ralph Waldo Emerson	O. W. Holmes
Washington Irving	Charles Dudley Warner
Some Eminent Women of Our Times	Mrs. Henry Fawcett

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